

development and energy technology research. Therefore, our Nation benefits three times from the fruits of these investments: once by improving our national defense capabilities, a second time by supporting jobs in the energy research and development sector, and again because these innovations can be applied in the marketplace benefiting all Americans. It is a smart investment to keep our military strong and develop 21st century energy solutions that we can use here and export abroad. Therefore, I support my colleagues' amendments to strike sections 313 and 2823 from the NDAA.

Lastly, we must take care of the military families who continue to sacrifice without complaint. As chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, I studied the economic effects that the military lifestyle has on the earnings of military spouses. In 2010, the unemployment rate for military wives was 15.0 percent compared to 7.3 percent for civilian wives. One cause of this disparity may have to do with the numerous relocations military families undergo. In this same time period, 24.1 percent of military wives moved across State lines, compared with only 2.4 percent of civilian wives. Frequent moves coupled with military spouses holding jobs that require State-level relicensing create barriers that spouses must overcome when seeking employment. Therefore, I introduced S. 697, the Military Spouse Job Continuity Act, which would provide a \$500 tax credit for military spouses who need to renew or transfer their professional licenses or certifications due to military relocations. While this specific bill cannot be taken up today for procedural reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in a sense-of-the-Senate amendment recognizing that we must work with the Pentagon and State and local governments to reduce the employment barriers for military spouses, without whom we would not have the superb military we have today.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting these important amendments.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I thank the Presiding Officer for his patience and long period of time in the chair today. We, obviously, have a couple of members in the media who have no other lives.

Mr. LEVIN. I thank Senator MCCAIN. He very humorously, with his great, good nature, kind of joshes himself comparing his patience to mine. My standard is not the one that anybody wants to follow around here; We will never get anything done.

He is more than patient, and I am very grateful that he is standing there in that ranking position and sitting right in that ranking position. I hope he stays in that ranking position in some committee at least for many, many, many years—in the ranking position.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank our distinguished chairman. Obviously, you have been here a long time.

I also appreciate our staffs who, again, show that work-release programs are quite successful in the Senate. Thank you very much.

Mr. LEVIN. I join in that too.

Now, we have to close. I don't know if we have the closing. We do.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING GEORGE MCGOVERN

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate the life of Senator George McGovern, a man that many in this body called a friend, and an inspiration.

Senator McGovern was more than an elected official, although his 22-year career in the Senate and House of Representatives serving the great people of South Dakota left a lasting legacy filled with numerous accomplishments and achievements. Senator McGovern inspired me and many others into public service.

Like my mother, Senator McGovern was a PK, a preacher's kid, and I recall from my mother's memories that this was not easy. Senator McGovern often talked about growing up not only as a Methodist PK who couldn't attend movies, but also as a child of the Depression, living in a small parsonage that shared the little they had with those in the congregation who had even less.

His Methodist background provided the foundation for his deep sense of morality and social justice. It was the force that led him to be a lifelong advocate for feeding the hungry, for serving his country as a bomber pilot during World War II, and then returning home to work for peaceful solutions to international conflicts.

Each chapter of Senator McGovern's life was as riveting and spellbinding as the chapters of the many books he penned over the years. Numerous honors were bestowed upon him, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the World Food Prize, and the Air Medal.

From his heroic military service where he flew 35 missions as a B-24 Liberator pilot and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for making a hazardous emergency landing of his damaged plane and saving his crew; his tenacious advocacy in fighting world hunger and working to provide school meals for millions of children in dozens of countries; to his unwavering and passionate support of various social programs, his strongly stated political views, and his wisdom on a spectrum of contemporary political and world issues, Senator McGovern's life has had a profound impact on our nation and world.

He traveled the world to advocate for better nutrition programs and establish efforts to fight hunger. He was the first U.N. Global Ambassador on World Hunger. He was the first director of the Food for Peace Program under President John F. Kennedy. He developed the "McGovern Report", which led to a new set of nutritional standards and guidelines for Americans. He joined longtime friend Senator Bob Dole in establishing the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program that provided school meals to millions of children. He served 3 years as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Yet Senator McGovern never forgot the people of South Dakota, residing many months out of the year in his hometown of Mitchell, location of the George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Museum. George would often take his dog, Dakota, on daily walks on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University, sometimes stopping to eat at the university cafeteria and visit with students.

Senator McGovern once said that "politics is an act of faith," meaning that you need faith that the people can make good and moral decisions. He had that faith, and his life of moral and intellectual leadership has made it easier for all of us to carry that faith forward.

One of the characteristics that I most admired in Senator McGovern was that his belief in good and moral decisions extended to leaders in both parties, and led to his lifelong friendships with statesmen like the aforementioned Senator Dole, with whom he formed a deep friendship as they worked on hunger issues, and William Buckley, with whom he delighted in debating the issues whether in public, on "Firing Line", or over a drink as they traveled together debating their opposing views.

Senator McGovern knew and valued what so many have forgotten today; that America needs a strong two-party system built on respect and cooperation if we are to survive as a democracy.

He also found time to write 14 books on political issues and philosophy. And he found time to check off a few items from his personal bucket list. In his late eighties, he parachuted from an airplane. He drove a stock car at a local speedway. Even this past summer, as he was to observe his 90th birthday, he had hoped to fly a B-1 aircraft.

With all of his accomplishments, perhaps his greatest was his marriage to Eleanor. I will never forget the opening of the McGovern library in Mitchell, SD, which Eleanor was too weak to attend, and how affectionately he touched the newly unveiled statue of her standing with him, as they had stood together throughout their lives.

We can rejoice today that they are now reunited and with their children Terry and Steve. They lived the lives